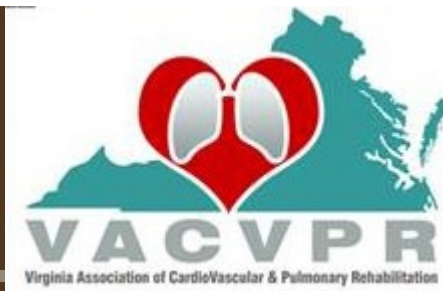


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Very important Message From Your VACVPR

Dear VACVPR Member,

Thank you for your continued support of VACVPR. We appreciate your dedication and commitment to both your career and our collective cause to endorse, promote and advocate rehabilitation and prevention for chronic cardiovascular and pulmonary diseases. The VACVPR Board of Directors and members continue to be at the forefront of disease prevention and grassroots efforts leading to reimbursement, outcomes and benchmarking for all programs associated with the state and national organizations. We would like to share information about **a significant change** to the membership of VACVPR that the Board is currently considering. The VACVPR Board is discussing the prospect of becoming a Joint Affiliate of AACVPR.

Important Message From Your VACVPR Board (cont)

For the past few years, AACVPR has offered this collaboration between itself and their affiliate associations. Many affiliates have already made the move to Joint Affiliation and we feel that this is Virginia's time. This partnership will not replace our state organization, but will allow our members to enjoy greater benefits from AACVPR.

This past summer, we were faced with a potential legal issue regarding a copyright infringement. We immediately consulted AACVPR and they graciously assembled a team of experts to guide us through this journey. To make a long story short, without the guidance of AACVPR throughout the year, we would not have had the resources to tackle this issue. This Joint affiliation will provide your board with an even closer connection with AACVPR to collaborate on important local, state and national issues.

Our VACVPR members will receive many benefits that will be worthwhile for your continued professional development and education. The Joint Affiliation membership includes:

- Continued membership to VACVPR, and full Education Advantage membership to AACVPR, all for one flat rate.

- AACVPR's Education Advantage Membership Benefits – which provide all the benefits that come with the AACVPR Professional Membership plus up to 10 Complimentary AACVPR or nursing continuing education credits (CEC) through AACVPR webcasts, which is a \$650 value.

- Discounted access to the AACVPR Annual Conference

- Access to the members-only sections on the AACVPR website, which provides direct access to the latest reimbursement updates, online and live CEC opportunities, extensive national networking and membership in one of the most progressive and recognizable organization in this field.

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Important Message From Your Board (continued)

What will remain the same to our members?

Continuation of meeting educational needs locally. We will continue with our Regional Conferences and our Annual Conference in the spring! This conference is a highly anticipated event in Virginia. We have been blessed with nationally recognized speakers to provide the most up to date information for our members.

It is important to note that the VACVPR will still operate as an independent organization, and our dedication to programs within the state of Virginia remains its primary focus. The Joint Affiliate Membership simply allows VACVPR members to access extensive benefits offered by the national organization. Likewise, AACVPR members living within Virginia will become members of VACVPR, greatly increasing the organization's strength in numbers.

We feel, as your board, that this is in the best interest to progress and expand our organization to better meet your needs.

Our plan going forward, is to continue to provide you with information about this type of membership. AACVPR will provide a FAQ page that will include more information.

We would also like to hear from you! We will be sending our members a short electronic survey to complete and give us feedback on this initiative.

If you have any questions, we have answers!

Please feel free to email your board at admin@vacvpr.com

or myself at dmcernig@sentara.com

or email Andrew Miller at amiller@aacvpr.org at the AACVPR Executive office.

Sincerely,

Donna Gagnon

President VACVPR

ATTENTION PATIENTS WHO USE SUPPLEMENTAL OXYGEN:

Please Complete New Oxygen Survey!

- The Nursing Assembly of the American Thoracic Society (ATS) developed an "Oxygen Workgroup" to address the increasing number of patient issues related to the use of supplemental oxygen.
- Over the past year this group, along with the ATS Patient Advocacy Roundtable (PAR) and multiple patient advocacy organizations, has developed an online "Patient Supplemental Oxygen Survey".
- The purpose of this survey is to collect information about problems related to financial reimbursement, equipment problems, service issues, and education related to the use of supplemental oxygen. Results will be used to develop strategies to address these problems.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY:

Please use the link below to sign on and complete this important survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/nurpatientquest>

Thank you!

Susan Jacobs RN, MS

Chair, ATS Nursing Assembly
Planning Committee

Oxygen Interest Group

THIS INFORMATION CAME FROM
ATS TO OUR ATTENTION ON
10/11/16 . We apologize if the
Survey has closed. At the time it
was not certain when it would end.



JACKIE BUNN

ABOVE AND BEYOND AWARD

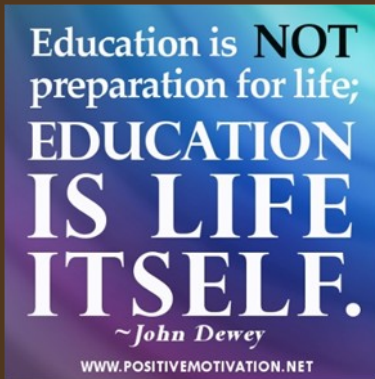
Compassion, dedication, creativity... surely you know someone fitting of these words. Jackie Bunn served on the VACVPR Board for many years, starting at the beginning. She helped promote our organization throughout the state.

Like Jackie, this person would heighten awareness of the benefits of CR and PR, both within the organization and in the community.

Maybe this person has added new services for their program? Someone that strives to make a difference? This person is committed to professional excellence. The nominee must be an active member of VACVPR, other than a Board member. This nominee will receive registration to the next annual conference and a VACVPR membership.

Look around you and send a name and reasons why someone fits this description. Selection to be made by the end of the year.

Thanks! Mary R. Davis at MRD85@virginia.edu



ROBIN CUFFE

EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Are you seeking the latest, up-to-date information to keep your practice current? Do you learn from others by networking and learning new tools of the trade? Robin was passionate about our organization on both state and national fronts. She was a wonderful mentor, always excited to share new possibilities. This scholarship, established by Robin's husband in honoring her legacy, provides the financial opportunity for someone who has been unable to attend the VACVPR conference in the past. Someone who may be new to the field of CR/PR who would benefit from new ideas? Experienced members that would enhance our organization by increased involvement and networking? This person would be awarded a VACVPR membership, registration and hotel coverage for the annual conference and a small stipend. This person must be a Virginia resident.

Think about a deserving individual and send me the name and reasons why this person should be considered. Selection to be made by the end of the year. Thanks! Mary

MRD85@virginia.edu.

REGIONAL WORKSHOP:

VACVPR workshop on
Saturday, October 29th at
Sentara Halifax in South Boston

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WWW.VACVPR.COM

CHANGING SEASONS:

As many of you may have noticed, we have been trying to update our website and our quarterly newsletters to keep you, our members updated on changes in the fields of Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehab. Yet it seems both a challenge and often times a struggle.



We hope that you have adapted to the VACVPR website. As you may have noticed some information is delayed as a newsletter is a big undertaking for a committee of one to execute (even quarterly).

I am asking that our members consider whether or not they would like to continue to receive so much information at one time or if you would prefer receiving a monthly update via one concise email blast.

Let your voices be heard as to the preferred method. If you are Interested in working on the newsletter or volunteering for any committee or board position, please contact us via the website at admin@vacvpr.com

Or me personally : cjfalt@yahoo.com

Thank you and Goodbye. Candy Falt